substantially damaged in fire. The ex-gratia relief is based on and related to the assessment of damages.

**Committee for reviewing the cases of detenues in Jammu and Kashmir**

292. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee has been set up to review the cases of detenues of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what is its composition and the progress made by it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir have intimated that a Committee to review the cases of detenues has been constituted with the following membership:—

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| 1. Shri J.N. Saksena, DGP, J&K | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Wajahat Habibullah, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir | Member |
| 3. Miss Sushma Choudhry, Commissioner & Secy. (Education) | Member |
| 4. Thakur Jaswant Singh Add. DIG (Police) | Member |
| 5. Mohd. Farroq, S.P. | Member |

During the year 1990; 66 detenues have been released, 18 due to revocation of detention order and 48 on parole.

**Dowry deaths**

293. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the steps to curb the evil of dowry have failed;

(b) whether the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 had also failed to make the desired impact;

(c) if so, whether there is need to make some stringent provisions in the law to curb the evil of dowry; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) to (d) The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 has been amended twice in 1984 and 1986 to make the penal provisions of the Act more stringent and effective. However, thereafter it was considered necessary to review the Act to make it more effective. The Department of Women and Child Development in the Ministry of Welfare organised a workshop in collaboration with the Indian Law Institute, on 12-13 January, 1991 to consider further amendments in strengthen the Act.

**Recruitment of terrorists in Punjab and Delhi**

294. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist organisation in Punjab have organised a drive to intensify the recruitment of terrorists;

(b) whether these activities have spread over to Delhi; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND